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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: NOMINATION OF ROMANIAN LECTURER IOAN AUREL

POPA

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EMBASSY FULLY APPRECIATES UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS REASONS FOR
REJECTING POPA AS LATE REPLACEMENT FOR ORIGINAL TRIFU
NOMINATION AND IS NOT ENTIRELY OUT OF SYMPATHY WITH VIEW THAT
ILLINOIS ACTION CAN SERVE AS OBJECT LESSON TO ROMANIANS RE
WITHDRAWALS AND LATE NOMINATIONS. NONETHELESS, WE SUGGEST
CHAMPAGNE-URBANA MAY WANT TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION ON FOLLOWING
GROUNDS:

A. POPA HIGHLY PRAISED FOR PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS
BY CURRENT FULBRIGHT PROFESSORS KEITH SAUER AND ALLEN FLINT
ON THE SCENE IN CLUJ. NOMINEE ALSO GOT STRONGER
THAN USUAL RECOMMENDATION FROM CLUJ UNIVERSITY RECTOR PASCU.

(2) POPA'S COMMAND OF ENGLISH RATED EXCELLENT.

(3) POPA'S CONTRIBUTION TO ILLINOIS COULD BE FLEXIBLE AND
VARIOUS INCLUDING: BEGINNERS AND/OR ADVANCED COURSES IN
ROMANIAN LANGUAGE; WORK WITH GRADUATE STUDENTS IN ROMANCE
LANGUAGES; SURVEY OF ROMANIAN LITERATURE WITH EMPHASIS ON
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ROMANIAN-AMERICAN AUTHOR PETER NEAGOE; GENERAL COURSE IN

ROMANIAN CIVILIZATION FOR WIDER AUDIENCE; AND OCCASIONAL
LECTURES ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDIES IN ROMANIA AND ON CONTEMPORARY
ROMANIAN CULTURAL LIFE AND HISTORY.

(4) WITHDRAWAL OF TRIFU NOMINATION APPARENTLY JUSTIFIED
ACADEMICALLY SINCE ORIGINAL NOMINEE FACES EXAMINATIONS FOR
PROMOTION TO FULL PROFESSORSHIP.
EMBASSY BELIEVES FAVORABLE ILLINOIS RECONSIDERATION WOULD REDOUND
TO ITS OWN BENEFIT IN SPECIFIC AND TO US-ROMANIAN
CULTURAL RELATIONS IN GENERAL IN CLUJ.
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